

HOUSE RESOLUTION 138

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Bobby L. Hampton, Sr., for twenty-five years of meritorious service as Senior Pastor at Hawkinsville Missionary Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bobby L. Hampton, Sr., is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who faithfully serves as Senior Pastor of Hawkinsville Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga; Dr. Hampton has rendered twenty-five years of sterling service to his congregation; and

WHEREAS, since being called by the Lord to serve at Hawkinsville Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Hampton has used his vision and compassion to thrust the church into service as a beacon of light for twenty-first century ministry, and through adroit Christian leadership, he has served citizens throughout his community; and

WHEREAS, born in Huntsville, Alabama, he attended Cavalry Hill Junior High School and graduated from S. R. Butler High School in 1971; and

WHEREAS, furthering his education, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (Alabama A&M) in 1975; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from Alabama A&M, he joined American National Bank and Trust Company, serving with distinction in several managerial positions after entering the management training program offered by the bank; and

WHEREAS, after several promotions, he served with integrity and distinction as Assistant Vice President and Manager of the East Third Street Branch, earning the admiration and respect of his colleagues, staff and customers alike for the quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, furthering his business skills and banking acumen, he completed the prestigious Tennessee School of Banking at Vanderbilt University, and he also completed several bank sponsored courses including, Lender's Liability Workshop, Environmental Risk Management, and Cash Flow Management; and

WHEREAS, desiring the education to pursue a higher calling, Dr. Hampton attended Covington Theological Seminary in Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, and earned his Master's and Doctorate degrees in Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hampton started his mission in the service of the Lord as pastor of Hawkinsville Missionary Baptist Church in 1984, and he has continued his calling under the guidance and grace of God for the last twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, after many dedicated and fruitful years in the secular world, Dr. Hampton decided to retire from the banking industry in 1997, to focus on his main calling as Senior Pastor of his church; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in his community, he has conducted numerous workshops throughout the city of Chattanooga and Hamilton County; he has also offered his singular skills and leadership abilities to a number of religious and civic organizations, including service as treasurer of the State of Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education Convention, Inc., board member of the Economic Development Board for the City of Chattanooga, and board member of Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprises, and he currently serves as Vice President of Congress for the Eastern Region of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education Convention, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, all of his accomplishments aside, Dr. Hampton is most thankful for the loving companionship of his wife, Patricia Ann Toney Hampton, and the unending support of his children, Marlon Hampton and wife, Meka Hampton, Travis Hampton and wife, DeAndrae'

Hampton, Patrick Hampton and wife, Sherinda Hampton, and Bobby L. Hampton, Jr., and Valencia Hampton; and

WHEREAS, he is admired and loved by his nine grandchildren, Cameron, Marlon, Deondre, Brandon, Kayla, Caleb, Joshua, Christopher, and Kendall; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bobby L. Hampton, Sr., exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable twenty-five years as a humble servant of God, Dr. Hampton has demonstrated the utmost ability, compassion, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the congregation of Hawkinsville Missionary Baptist Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and recognize Dr. Bobby L. Hampton, Sr., upon twenty-five years of meritorious service to Hawkinsville Missionary Baptist Church and to the community of Chattanooga, thank him for his humble Christian service, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his fruitful ministry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.